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## Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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Dear Community Stakeholders:

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has recently received multiple inquiries and requests for information regarding drug treatment programs, particularly Opioid Treatment Programs. In response, the Department has provided information in writing and in person to address specific concerns while maintaining patient privacy.

Within the Department, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA) and Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) are jointly responsible for the licensing and oversight of drug treatment programs in Maryland. Behavioral Health System Baltimore provides additional oversight in Baltimore City.

The Department has created a FAQ document to answer many of these questions. This document includes information on public notices, medication administration, admissions criteria, and review and monitoring of programs.

The Department is committed to working with communities to address concerns and answer questions while also seeking to ensure individuals' access to medical treatment. If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Rhonda Callum at 410-402-8600 or [rhonda.callum@maryland.gov](mailto:rhonda.callum@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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